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SALINA, KANSAS, MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBERY OF GUNS FROM PAWN SHOP

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Chad Eric Schenk, 19, Salina, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on January 12, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers to one count of stealing firearms from Nick's Pawn Shop.**

Melgren stated that Schenk admitted at his plea that on December 15, 2002, he broke into Nick's Pawn Shop, Salina, Kansas, and stole six firearms from the business. Schenk further admitted that when law enforcement officers searched his residence in Salina, Kansas, on December 15, 2002, they found two of the firearms that were stolen during the burglary.

Schenk faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for April 9, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Salina Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough in this prosecution.